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proposal which I felt was good. I also supported LB 317. I do see some inequality in the fact that it's not the introducer whose asking for the return of the bill. To my knowledge this is the first time this has happened this year. I feel we should not ask for the return of LB 317. We need 317 so that we all shall have the needed planning in our local areas. Senator DeCamp, Nebraska still has 93 counties, as far as I know, not 96. The local government will be in a decision making seat under LB 317. Those of you who are asking for local control, let's not bring the bill back. Let's let LB 317 work so that the local areas can make the plans for the local land use.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter for the second time.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, colleagues, I'm going to forego any attempt to really answer any substantial criticisms here. There are answers to it. I want to say to Senator Schmit and to the members of this Legislature and especially to the press my argument is not with Senator Schmit. I went to Senator Schmit, or he came to me I forgot which occurred. I said to him, if we have any substantial problems with this bill I will help you two years from now change the bill in any way you see fit. He accepted that. He reflected that in his newsletter. His actions in this body, as far as I know, have been entirely above board and honest. I appreciate that Senator Schmit. I do not want this sort of antagonism which seems to be stirred up by various sources to go any further because it doesn't exist in this point. I wasn't referring to Senator Schmit and I want him to know that. As far as Senator Richard Lewis is concerned, I know his vote was on integrity. It always has been as far as I can see. This is a local land use bill. The primary thrust of it, despite some objections to Section 1 which relates only to 4 counties and relates only to enforcement and not to changing planning or land use adoption, then it doesn't go to the state but only to the county if there's inaction. The primary thrust is to protect property owners. There are abuses now, unintentionally, primarily, partly intentionally by local political subdivisions in 90 percent of the cases. All we're doing here in those sections that you seem to object to is to ensure that in fact there is a review which indicates to local organizations like city councils, village boards, and county boards of supervisors and commissioners that they are in violation of existing state law. Now I could extend this substantially. I have a few things I could say to Senator DeCamp which answers rather directly some of his charges. I could point out language to him from his own bill last year which frightens me to death, but I won't. I think enough's been said. You've probably made up your minds. We have other business before the Legislature. I'd urge that you not return this bill because it is a good bill. It protects local property owners from the abuses and procedures that now exist.